



CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)

Chief Communications Officer

CIRM, which was established as a result of the passage of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell and Cures Initiative, will provide up to \$3 billion over ten years in grants and loans to California research institutions for research on stem cells.

CIRM seeks an outstanding communications professional with a commitment to science and medical research who will create and seize opportunities to promote CIRM and its accomplishments. The Chief Communications Officer will develop a clear and consistent message about the new frontier of stem cell research in California. Reporting to the Chair of the ICOC, the Chief Communications Officer will lead a strategic and visionary communications plan and work closely with the President of the CIRM and Vice Chair of the ICOC on internal and external communications involving media relations, website content, publications and public affairs. The Chief Communications Officer will be a critical player at CIRM and will be responsible for managing and heightening a local, national and international profile for the institution.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Communications or Journalism or related field and 10 years experience in communications or public relations or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Demonstrated success in a senior-level communications role of comparable complexity in academia, government, politics, public relations, or journalism.
- Ability to provide quick and effective responses in crisis situations involving CIRM.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and in oral presentations.
- Ability to work positively and effectively with persons possessing high degrees of scientific, medical and technical knowledge.
- Strong project management skills.
- Thorough knowledge of the legislative process at the national, state and local levels.
- Approach to work that stresses customer service.
- Demonstrated experience in coalition-building and community relations.
- Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures
- Leads and directs the work of others.
- Demonstrated ability to work well with high level Board members.
- Experience with staffing Board committees, as needed.
- Demonstrated ability to simultaneously manage multiple, complex projects in varying stages of development under time pressure.
- Ability to demonstrate good organizational skills, and the ability to plan and act independently on projects with minimal supervision.



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- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested candidates please submit:

- Cover letter
- CV/Resume
- California State application (STD. 678) which can be obtained from our website at <http://www.cirm.ca.gov/jobs/> to:

jobs@cirm.ca.gov or CIRM Search, P.O. Box 99740 Emeryville, CA 94662-9740

CIRM is an Equal Opportunity Employer and particularly welcomes applications from under-represented minorities and women.